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## EOC Spot Report

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### US Environmental Protection Agency Report as of 2:00 PM EDT, 4/2/13

**Overview:** On March 29, 2013 at 1706 EDT, Exxon Mobil Pipeline (RP) reported a release of crude oil from a 20-inch pipeline in Mayflower, AR (Faulkner County). The RP's estimate of the amount of oil discharged from the pipeline is 4,000 - 7,000 barrels (bbl). Approximately 280 people are responding to the incident in addition to federal, state, and local resources. The RP has approximately 14 vacuum trucks and 38 frac tanks on site to cleanup and temporarily store the recovered oil.

Approximately 12,000 bbl of an oil/water mixture have been recovered on site via vacuuming operations and placed into frac tanks. Cleanup crews have deployed approximately 4,100 feet of boom in the spill area and in Lake Conway. Based on an April 1 overflight, a small volume of oil has reached the far end of the cove adjacent to Lake Conway during water pumping operations. The oil has been boomed off and has not entered Lake Conway. The Unified Command has endorsed a residential cleanup plan encompassing the affected area of the North Woods subdivision and surrounding areas. Power washing of homes in the North Woods subdivision continues, and excavation of oil-impacted soil at affected homes has begun. Ten oiled ducks have been recovered for treatment and transported to a rehabilitation center, and two more ducks have been found dead. The RP plans to update evacuated residents this evening. The Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) will provide final approval to a plan to return residents to their homes, which is currently under development. ADH will base its approval on monitoring information from EPA and the RP.

**State, Local and other Federal Agency Actions:** The city of Mayflower continues to recommend evacuation of 22 homes on Starlite Road and Shade Tree Lane. The

U.S. Department of Transportation will review a plan for excavation and removal of the affected portion of the pipeline. Emergency response efforts are focused on ensuring the safety of the community members and the response workers, addressing community concerns and the cleanup process.

**EPA Actions:** The number of EPA personnel on site has increased to six. EPA and supporting START contractors continue to perform community air monitoring, including at an elementary school before classes began in the morning. Readings were below action levels. EPA continues performing oversight of oil recovery in heavily impacted areas and monitoring containment areas to prevent oil migration into Lake Conway. In addition, an EPA OSC consulted with U.S. Fish and Wildlife and Arkansas Game and Fish on the use of heavy equipment in marshy areas to remove oil. Neither agency expressed any concerns. EPA opened the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund (OSLTF) to fund EPA's activities.

**Media Interest:** Yes please see consult link to the OSC's website.  
[http://www.epaosc.org/site/site\\_profile.aspx?site\\_id=8502](http://www.epaosc.org/site/site_profile.aspx?site_id=8502)

The HQ EOC will continue to monitor and provided updates as needed.

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